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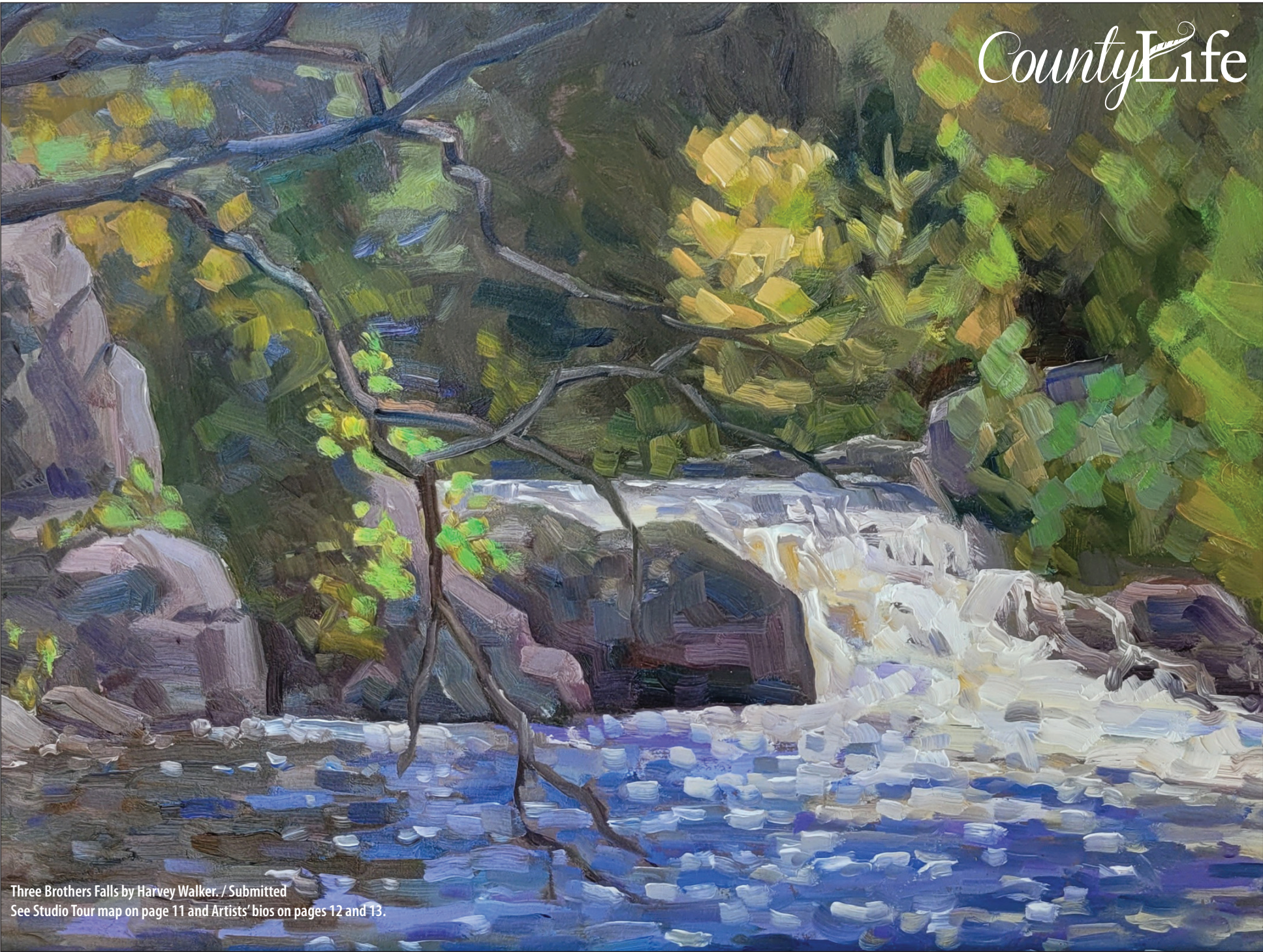
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The Studio Tour – Haliburton Highlands

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Special to *County Life*

There is no better time than the fall to experience the beauty of the Haliburton Highlands and the studios of artists who take inspiration from the natural beauty of this amazing local landscape. Now in its 37th year, The Studio – Tour – Haliburton Highlands invites you to immerse yourself in a truly cultural experience as you visit the 21 studios and 37 artists who are ready to welcome you.

Organizers Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyers-Emmink believe the Haliburton Studio Tour is unique partly because of its longevity but also because of the quality of the artwork. Beginning in November each year, a call is put out to artists to apply for the tour. “People have to present their work in person, not just by sending in photographs,” explains Pruyers-Emmink. A ten-person jury committee, a “well-rounded team” of artists from various mediums, makes the decision on accepting artists. “They are very professional about it. The artists must be committed and be able to produce enough material,” says Pruyers-Emmink.

“Quite a few artists teach at the Haliburton School of Art, an indicator of the quality. We would like to see more younger people join the Studio Tour,” explains Emmink.

New on the Studio Tour this year, is Susan Hay, an

acrylic landscape artist, Isobel Neveu-Geene, a ceramic artist, Deborah McInness with her textile fibre art, and Allison Barrow, a watercolour artist.

“We encourage artists to do live demonstrations or host talks about their process,” says Emmink. Per season, each studio gets on average anywhere from 300 to 800 or 900 visitors over the two weekends.

Painters

There are a number of painters on the Studio Tour this year offering a variety of mediums and techniques. Annette Blady Van Mill and Al Van Mil at Treehouse Studio will be showing and selling their work in encaustic wax, oils, acrylic, collage, mixed media and moulage while you can see the acrylic landscapes of Susan Hay at her studio on Wenona Lake. Maureen Bennett will be showcasing her classic iconic Canadian landscapes as a guest at Times Gone by Studio along with Brent McGillivray with his photo realistic paintings of roadside restaurants, motels and abandoned buildings. You can also enjoy the watercolour paintings of Gord Jones inspired by the Haliburton Highlands at White Pine Studio. Jen Hodges, a member of the North Toronto Group of Artists, will be a guest at A Stitch at a Time Studio with her acrylic and resin work inspired by oceans, waves and the movement of water. Harvey Walker, who “paints the feeling” will have work painted in-studio and en plein air and Allison Barrow will

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bring her transparent watercolour work that uses an impressionist approach to Artech Studio where she will be a guest of Jenn Wanless Craig and Terry Craig. Finally, Rose Pearson, an established painter and educator at Haliburton School of Art + Design offers her paintings in acrylic, oil and mixed media, often inspired by local flora and fauna.

Photography

The lone fine art photographer on the tour this year is Corin Ford Forrester who will be at her studio in her 1920s house, just east of Carnarvon, with her work inspired by her travels by canoe in Ontario where she captures wilderness landscapes to create digitally blended images.

Pottery and Ceramics

For those who are interested in pottery and ceramics, there are some great options this year. Isabel Neveu-Geene, a featured artist this year, will showcase her work at ING studio along Kashagawawigamog Lake while Barbara Joy Peel will have her pottery that uses a distinctive glazing technique and one-of-a-kind silver jewellery at her studio on Skyline Park Road. Yael Novak of Pottery Lane Studios on the edge of Sayers Lake, produces contemporary clay objects for use and expression, including hand crafted contemporary tableware. Experience the work of Lynn and Terry Lawrence on Sandford Court who turn a lump of clay or block of wood into something new – something that takes on modern expression. If garden art and functional pieces are at top of mind, a visit to Charlene McConnell’s Purple Door Pottery will introduce you to her whimsical and fine crafted pottery for the table. Permeated by rural roots, landscape and nostalgia, the work of April Gates at Blackbird Pottery gives a graphic approach to contemporary functional ceramics. A stop on Cameron Lane in Algonquin Highlands will introduce you to the fine crafted and hand-decorated pots by Lisa Barry and a peak into her wood fired kiln. Renée Woltz is a potter with a signature style of intricately carved Raku pottery with delicately incised stoneware and mugs and bowls that are suitable for everyday use.

Wood Artists

There are two wood artists on the Tour this year. Matt Mihlik, who produces hand-carved wooden spoons and serving boards and Lynn and Terry Lawrence Revolutions Woodturning and Pottery located near the Haliburton School of the Arts and Sculptural Forest.

Glass Artists

Glass artists this year include Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyzers-Emmink at Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts where you can learn about the process of kiln fused glass and enjoy the functional and decorative pieces they produce. Tom Green at Glass Eagle Studio, a glass artist for over 40 years, produces mixed media glass pieces in his century old schoolhouse. Lia Howe’s glass art for the garden is inspired by nature at her studio Lia’s Glass Dreams on the banks of the Burnt River. Jenn Wanless-Craig and Terry Craig at the Hot Shop by Artech Studios, offer traditional glassware from their old United Church studio in Tory Hill along with demonstrations, and opportunities to sign up for making your own glass piece.

Fabric Art

For those who enjoy fabric art, Shelley van Nood at A Stitch at a Time studio, is the place to visit for hand-painted silk scarves and functional quilts. Albert Cote



Jenn Wanless - Craig and Terry Craig, The Hot Shop by Artech Studios - Glassblowing . /Submitted

and Deborah McInness, guests at Ivy Cottage Fusion Arts, have textile – fibre art pieces on-hand and offer fiber art retreats and teaching in their studio. Dar Bolabood designs and produces heirloom kid mohair throws, yarns and accessories that are hand-knit, hand-dyed and hand-woven artworks that are comfortable, durable and beautiful.

Leather Artist

There is just one leather artist on the Tour this year, Kathleen Dewar, who crafts leather into landscapes and designs inspired by nature. Watch for how she honours animals in her work.

Metal Artist

The lone metal embosser this year is Fernando Diaz de Leon Rendon, a Mexican-Canadian artist who will introduce you to the fine art of metal embossing known as “Repujado.” Natural landscapes, wildlife and symbolic structures have found their way into his work.

Métis and Nature Artist

Tracy Lee Green, no stranger to the tour, is a contemporary Métis nature artist who infuses her animal and bird portraits with the dynamic energy inspired by the shapes, colours and joy she finds in her natural surroundings.

Jewellery

Susan Watson Ellis and Todd Jeffrey Ellis bring their skills in gold and silversmithing to the tour this year. They produce handmade sterling chains, engraved and gem set jewellery and sterling objects. Sophia Tank, who says, “every piece of jewellery tells a story – take a memory home,” offers artistically designed and hand-crafted one-of-a-kind jewellery at her studio on Church Lane just east of Carnarvon.

Besides this impressive roster of artist studios to visit, Boshkung Brewery has created a beer especially for this event. Twenty artists applied to design the label for the beer and the unveiling will come out in early September. There will be taste testings of this beer, and others offered by Boshkung Brewery, on the first Saturday at Studio N, that of Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyzers-Emmink at 1431 Dawson Road and on the Saturday of the second weekend of the tour at Studio Q,

that of April Gates of Blackbird Pottery at 5843 Gelert Road.

Organizers would like to thank all the partners, and in particular Parker Pad Printing for its contribution to the advance notice and printing of the brochure and the Toureka! for its interactive app where you can learn all about the artists on the tour.

“We look forward to seeing returning customers and meeting new ones. This is a big event for the artists and we are all looking forward to it,” says Peter Emmink and Joyce Pruyzers-Emmink.

To learn more about the tour, pick up a brochure or visit thestudiotour.ca



Tracey Lee Green, Contemporary Métis Nature Artist . /Submitted

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Isabel Neveu-Geene, the youngest participant on the studio tour, will have a selection of colourful and functional pieces of stoneware available for purchase. /Photos submitted



Just one of the many whimsical pieces of stoneware you will see at Isabel Neveu-Geene's ING Studio on Lake Kashagawigamog.

Colourful stoneware with a touch of whimsy

CHRIS DROST

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Isabel Neveu-Geene, the youngest participant on the Haliburton Studio Tour, is a ceramic artist who produces functional and colourful stoneware that has lots of patterns with a whimsical connection to childhood innocence.

Neveu-Geene sometimes finds it difficult to realize where she is today, a full-time ceramic artist at the tender age of 24 working in Haliburton full-time. She grew up as a dancer and musician but didn't come into art until her late teens/early twenties. Although she is the daughter of two professional musicians, she finally realized that dance and music was not the right fit for her. She started to dabble into fiber art and drawing as a hobby and soon realized she was good at being creative.

When a friend told Neveu-Geene about the Haliburton School of the Arts she made the decision to

apply to the design program. "It is a great foundational course. You get to try different mediums like ceramics, glass blowing and fiber arts. It was there that I got my first taste for ceramics," she explains.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 interrupted her last month of study and she found herself stuck alone in a community that she had grown to love. It was then that she decided to apply for both the fiber arts and ceramics program. "I was accepted into the ceramics program, and it was the best decision of my life. I was new but the faculty was amazing. It was an isolating time during this post COVID period so there was nothing to do but work. It was a blissful time," says Neveu-Geene.

During this time, Neveu-Geene met Lisa Barry, a faculty member who was looking for someone to do a trial apprenticeship in her studio. To top that off, she also got offered a position as an assistant studio technician at Fleming. "It was a very quick turnaround that completely changed my life. I worked with Barry and Matt Mihlik and had studio space in exchange for doing work for them. This propelled me into the ceramics and arts community in Haliburton," explains Neveu-Geene.

"I am now much more comfortable in my work and am building skills. I eventually saved up and built a small studio of my own. I will be doing full-time ceramics work for two years in December. I am very lucky to have a full-time ceramics job at age 24," she says.

Neveu-Geene credits much of her success to the supportive arts community in Haliburton.

On the tour you can expect there will be functional stoneware pieces available for purchase, including mugs, bowls, serving dishes, sculptural and conceptual pieces. "This is the first time I will be showing my sculptural pieces publicly," she says.

Much of Neveu-Geene's inspiration comes from her connection to art. She describes herself as having sound-colour synesthesia where you see specific colours when you hear certain sounds. "I love simple imagery. I am not a super realism person," she adds.

"I want objects we use every day to have a sense of whimsy, joy and colour to them. I think about how people will react to pieces. I want people to think about drinking out of a mug and that mug being the happiest mug it can be," she explains.

This is Neveu-Geene's first year on the tour in her own studio. She is very excited to have people in her space for the first time. While she is still figuring out the logistics for having a demonstration of her process, she will at least have pieces in various stages of decoration for visitors to see. "My decoration process is unique in how I mix my colours and cut out patterns," she says.

When asked what she likes best about the Haliburton Studio Tour, Neveu-Geene talks about how she was first introduced to the tour as a student. "I totally romanticized about it. It showed me the lifestyle of a full-time artist is possible. It was great for me as a young person seeing working artists. Haliburton is certainly a catalyst for that. I feel so excited, so welcomed, encouraged and supported to be on the tour," she says with great enthusiasm.

"I didn't think I would be able to do this in the first two years of doing this work professionally. I am so excited. I can't stop thinking about it."

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Dar Bolahood is a lifetime artist who has found the love for a process that empowers her. She creates beautiful heirloom worthy pieces from kid mohair with fibre sourced from all over the world. Bolahood will have her blankets, shawls, scarves, neck pieces and hats on the Haliburton Studio Tour where she will be a guest of painter Rose Pearson at 1009 Camp White Pine in Haliburton.

Bolahood's experience began with fibres, textiles and paintings very early age. Her undergraduate program at the University of Toronto was a Bachelor of Science focused on organic chemistry completed in 1976, and then a MFA in studio art at the University of Waterloo. Between 1996 and 2006 Bolahood developed the computer animation program at Durham College before moving to Haliburton in 2007/2008. She developed and taught the Visual and Creative Arts diploma program for Fleming College from 2007 to 2021 when she retired. In 2008, she and partner Charly Sylge S, began Wild Haliburton Elephant Weavers. Bolahood is now working in studio practices for fibre arts designs, WHEW design and production and living in Kitchener-Waterloo.

"I believe my work at the college and working with students fed back into my work. Drawing and painting, fibre art and textiles are a lifetime practice. For materials, I explore anything I can get my hands on," explains Bolahood.

When starting in Haliburton she brought out a weaving loom and one thing led to another. "I started weaving mohair throws and blankets in Haliburton village. My partner, Charly left his job and started to weave. He would weave white blankets and throws, and I would take them out into the forest and hang them on a clothesline and throw fabric dye at them," says Bolahood. This resulted in different patterns as



Dar Bolahood and partner Charly Sylge who assisted on the loom for many years. /Photos submitted

they designed and through this effort, further developed her process.

"The real magic of the work is in the fibre. The mohair comes from the Angora goat. I source the fibre from locations all over the world. I dug into the science of fibre and found a spinning mill in South Africa where they spin the yarn to your specifications. It has a lovely soft drape. Mohair is natural but is softer and stronger than any other natural fibre," Bolahood explains.

"Once our customers have them, they are attached to them. Lower quality ones are prickly so we only order soft fibre on large cones. Then we dye them and weave the colour," she says.

Demand for painted blankets is high according to Bolahood. She used to go to the One-of-a-Kind Show in Toronto but she found it "brutal." "I have always had a wonderful show in Haliburton. I love the Haliburton Studio Tour," she adds. Bolahood is currently looking at yarn shows in other parts of Ontario and as we spoke, was gearing up for one on the Bruce Peninsula.

When asked about the inspiration for her work, Bolahood had no hesitation in saying, "It is my customer's response. I try to group pieces into colours. When the customers touch them, I love to ask what they are thinking about. Stories come out of the ritual

of choosing the colour. It is lovely. It is close to the heart. It is expensive but they will have it year-round for years. It is "a way of life," she explains.

One of the things Bolahood is most pleased about is that her work is sustainable.

While Bolahood does not offer a demonstration of her work on the tour, she generally has a slide show available that shows the process. "I encourage people to touch and wrap them around themselves. Last year we set up Rose Pearson's paintings and my pieces with like colours together," she says.

Bolahood also enjoys showing children the raw fibre and the animal it comes from. "I always like the educational piece," she adds.

All the edges are hand-finished and whether it is a shawl, blanket, throw or hat, Bolahood says they make incredible gifts.

According to Bolahood, some of the best things about being on the Haliburton Studio Tour are spending time with fellow artist Rose Pearson and having the opportunity to catch up with longtime friends and places in the village that evoke many childhood memories.

To learn more about Bolahood's work visit her website www.wildmohair.ca



One of the beautiful shawls created by Dar Bolahood. Shawls, blankets, throws, hats and other pieces will be available on the studio tour.



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Kathleen Dewar, a leather artist who creates unique landscapes and designs from leather pieces, is excited to be part of the Haliburton Studio Tour for the fourth time. Her beautiful Earth's Beauty Studio nestled among the trees on Boshkung Lake at 1040 Moorefield Acres Lane in Carnarvon, is always a favourite with visitors.

While Dewar dabbled in different art forms for years, nothing really sang to her. She did stained glass for a while and then started to work with blending felt and

leather. "Before long the leather took over," says Dewar who describes it as a warm medium.

"It has taken 12 to 15 years to gather different colours and textures of leather. She frequents second-hand shops as well as sources leather from leather outlets as far away as Toronto. People often bring her pieces of leather they are no longer using. Sometimes she finds an old leather coat in an interesting colour that she can repurpose into one of her nature inspired designs.

"I create landscapes and designs and incorporate rocks and stones into these pictures of Mother Earth. It has evolved from one to two-dimensional work over the past 12 years," explains Dewar.

When it comes to inspiration for her work, Dewar is

very clear. "It is Mother Earth. I try to capture a glimpse of streams, bullrushes and other elements of nature. Using leather is a way to honour animals in my work," she says.

Most of the inspiration comes from the Algonquin Highlands area. Having grown up in the woods with pine trees and swimming in the creek, Dewar tries to echo this in her work.

"Sometimes I build on the colour of the leather and build a story," says Dewar when asked how to describe her work. Sometimes it is a frame that matches a piece of leather that gets her started. "I look at a piece of leather and get inspired," she adds. Dewar uses canvas and glues the leather to it. Sometimes she screws the leather to the canvas first to ensure it will be secure.

Larger pieces take quite a while to complete. "I do the work in stages as I layer it. I do the background and

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Kathleen Dewar at work creating one of her unique leather designs. /Submitted



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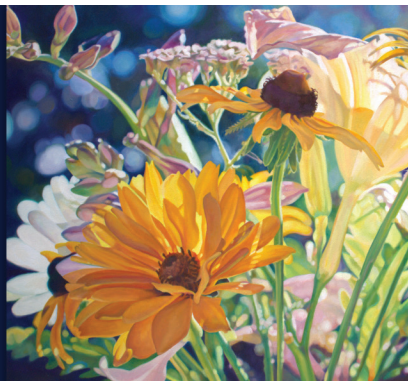
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then look at the colour of the leather and the texture. I often let it sit and look at it and gradually add to it. I sometimes work on three or pieces at a time," says Dewar.

With some of the smaller scraps of leather, Dewar makes bookmarks, leather fringes and tassels. "I call these tassels of hope. People can hang them in their kitchen," she explains. She also has smaller garden pieces with flowers, the moon and stars that glow in the dark. Dewar tries to have items at different price points so everyone can take a piece home.

Dewar really enjoys being part of the Haliburton Studio Tour. "It is a great group of people, and I am honoured to be included. It is an eclectic group. It is an honour that it is a juried show and I was accepted."

Having a studio and the opportunity to be part of the studio tour has encouraged Dewar to delve into her work now she has a place to show it. In the past she did not find it ideal selling at outdoor markets as her art could be damaged by the weather. Dewar has also done the Mariposa Festival and the Arts Market in Toronto.

"Doing the Haliburton Studio Tour is a stepping stone. I get my work out there and I get to see the reaction people have to my work," she explains. She put out a book for comments and was delighted when one person called her work "happy."

Dewar is currently working towards showing her work in local galleries but for now, the best place to see her work is on the tour. Dewar invites everyone to "come in curious but leave amazed."

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If you attended this year’s ColourFest in Haliburton, you might have spotted the museum’s mask making activity for kids at the event’s welcome tent. Watching the crowd of children work on their masks, I was struck by the creativity that was on display. To be honest, when we were pulling together supplies for the day, I had a couple of ideas in mind for mask designs, but, to be honest, none of the masks that were made looked anything like what I had in mind and that’s quite alright – wonderful, in fact – because it meant that the kids at the booth were enjoying their own creativity and having fun.

I often see creativity, in all its forms, as one of the key aspects of our community. The Haliburton Highlands are undoubtedly known as an arts community. This time of year is often associated with the annual Haliburton County Studio tour, a wonderful chance to support some of the talented visual artists in our area. In addition to the artists who take part in this tour, there are so many other artists, many of whom have chosen to

make their home in the Highlands because of the already existing arts community. Creativity comes in many forms, however. In addition to the rich visual arts and craft scene, we also have a plethora of music groups, dance for all ages and theatre groups which transport us, move us and make us laugh.

While we might think of the Highlands’ identity as a creative community as something quite recent, I’m often struck by the way in which creativity has appeared in our story over many decades and many generations. On a more formal level, we might think of the tradition embodied by artists in this community, especially those female artists who chose to make a name for themselves in a male dominated field in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The name Ethel Curry might be familiar to you, as a local Haliburton resident who immortalized the Highlands in her artwork, but also shared her enthusiasm for her hometown with other artists, as well as teaching techniques to help others grow their skills.

Beyond those more traditional ideas of creativity however, a willingness to explore and a can-do attitude has also always been a part of life in the

Highlands. I suspect it may have some of its roots in the history of the area, when local residents had to think creatively to make a success of life in the “backwoods”. With some sorts of materials and products in short supply, it made perfect sense that residents would get creative to make what they needed. For instance, if you’ve checked out our “What Is It?” display at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, you might have spotted an item that, at first glance many people think might be a rug beater. In fact, it’s a homemade toaster, created from items at hand (some wood and wire). These sorts of homemade versions of commonly purchased items appear often in our collection, sometimes looking like copies of commercial versions, but just as often heading off into another direction entirely with a different design that works just as well as (and sometimes even better than) the mass-produced version.

Creativity has many applications and can take us to many amazing places, but we also need to remember to nurture it and support it, not just in others, but also in ourselves. Give yourself the chance to explore your own creativity this autumn and have some fun!

Top ten things that would happen if leaves didn’t fall

THE SLOW ONSET of autumn has caused me to wonder about what would happen if the leaves didn’t actually fall this year. This is improbable and thank goodness too. Here are just some of the problems that might arise.



STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. Rake manufacturers would have to start marketing their products as back scratchers for big people.
2. Kids would have to find something else to dive in.
3. We’d have to watch out for frozen falling leaf hazards in January.
4. We’d have to find another futile autumn chore.
5. All my camouflage would be useless.
6. We’d never find the kites we lost.
7. We’d soon get sick of all that wind whispering.
8. What would we hide the rake under?
9. It’d take the fire department three days to find your cat.
10. You’d actually see what your dog did to the yard.

Wings

Monarch butterfly fluttering through morning Air, like a rusted leaf,
the moment summer surrenders to fall, circling the trunk of an old oak tree, that grows at the top of the hill,
sloping down towards the River, where boulders bulge from its bed like prehistoric eggs,
the flock of seagulls perched there, unaware of the butterfly that flutters at the top of the hill,
circling around and around the tree trunk, flitting so close to the ground,
I wonder whether the blades of grass feel the breeze of its beating wings,
my eyes circling the trunk of the old oak, along for the ride, watching the lone butterfly,
wondering whether the others have already left for their journey towards that place
where butterflies flutter on the branches of trees, outnumbering leaves,
where air, warm as cotton batting, wraps their wings as they rest,
the rest of us, remaining behind, mummified in layers of sweater and fleece to shield our flesh from the
chill in the Air,
as my lungs drink the first swigs of fall, my feet rooted to the ground,
surrounded by acorns that have fallen from the oak tree, that birthed it into being,
marveling at the mysteries of Nature, its secrets buried deep beneath the earth, and in the stems of leaves,
floating on this fall breeze, passing the wings of the butterfly as it continues to circle the trunk of the old tree,
reminding me of the circles I wander around, sometimes, before I break free,
my Heart fluttering in my chest as I watch the butterfly zig-zag through Air,
along the slope of the hill, down towards the River, where boulders bulge from its bed,
the screeches of seagulls serenading the flight of the butterfly, its wings crossing the River,
skimming the weeds springing from cracks in the rocks,
and I wonder whether the seagulls notice the speck of rusted wings,
as the butterfly flits out of sight, carried by breeze on its journey, its wings, light as the leaves it passes,
twirling towards the ground, the flock of seagulls resting on the boulders, suddenly taking flight,
a flurry of white feathers flapping through Air, illuminated by the brightness of morning Sun,
moments after summer surrenders to fall, their wings flying over the rusting crowns of trees,
as I stand here at the top of the hill, my eyes drinking in the beauty of it all,
wondering whether the monarch will reach that place
where butterflies seek sanctuary in the trees, outnumbering leaves,
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An attitude of gratitude

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Well, William Shakespeare, I am “in a pickle” (*The Tempest*) in fear of being a “laughing stock” (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*) and “a sorry sight”. (*Macbeth*). What the dickens” (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*) were you thinking when you coined the phrase “golden years” (*Henry V*) in 1599? Did you not realize that it would be used to cast retirement as the time for a life of leisure?

Give me a break. How many retirees do you know for whom retirement is a life of leisure? William, you gave the world 1700 new words and phrases, but “golden years” just doesn’t work for me. I “wait with bated breath” (*The Merchant of Venice*) for this phrase to be redefined. If not, I fear we are all “on

a wild goose chase” (*Romeo and Juliet*) to find this non-existent life of leisure; a life that “In my heart of hearts”(*Hamlet*) is not desired. I know you could not understand the unrealistic and unwanted expectations you have caused. While seniorhood is not for the “faint-hearted” (*Henry V, Part I*), it is the gift of time to live fully and authentically. We contribute to our communities; we share our wisdom and knowledge and we don’t seek only a life of leisure which might, indeed, be “too much of a good thing” (*As You Like It*). So, in my writing and my life the phrase golden years is “dead as a doornail” (*Henry VI, Part II*) and hopefully no one will try to tell me I am in my golden years. If this happens I will “send him packing”(Henry IV).

Well, I will leave you now. It was fun to use your words and to still be in awe of them and you five hundred years after you penned them.

I started this exploration into golden years as I

thought of thanksgiving and sharing my attitude of gratitude. I may be overreacting about this golden years stuff, but it seems to me that calling living on the senior side our golden years is ridiculous. Perhaps the year I met Peter was my golden year, or how about the 70s when I held my four newborn babies or the year I went back to teaching? You get the idea. I am grateful for all the life that I have lived and for the love I have known.

So, back to an attitude of gratitude. Saying we are grateful matters. It shifts our mindset and means that we are making a conscious effort to express appreciation on a regular basis for big and small things. (diversehealth.org).

There was a time when our daily dinners included going around the table responding to the question, Who has good news to share? Every Thanksgiving, we go around the table and share something we are

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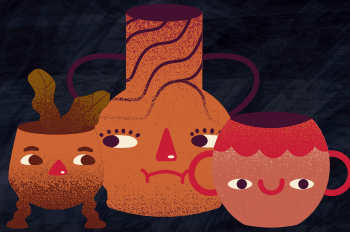
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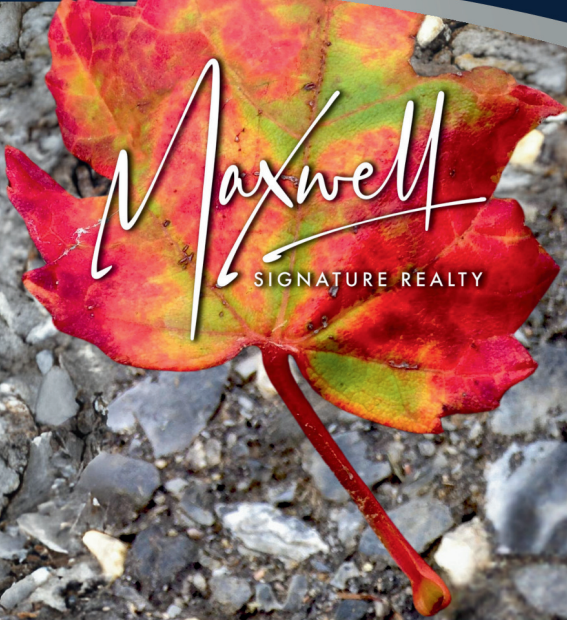
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grateful for. It's funny to watch everyone looking at the food on their plates, food that is getting colder by the minute, and you know they are hoping everyone has something ready to say, preferably something short. You can tell they don't want to be caught unprepared and you can also tell they hope I won't talk too long. I have learned to be concise.

"I am thankful for my family."

"I'm thankful for my health."

"I'm thankful the Bucks won the football game."

"I'm thankful for Chudleigh's apple crumble pie"

"I'm thankful that we are all together today."

"I'm thankful for my parents and brothers and sisters."

"I'm thankful we live in Canada."

and so on...

But our thankful thoughts at the dinner table or the Thanksgiving feast are not what is inherent in an attitude of gratitude. Cultivating the practice of daily gratitude is more, and it is important for everyone, especially senior citizens. Research indicates that gratitude is a valuable tool for seniors in combating feelings of loneliness and promoting a more optimistic outlook and perspective on aging. An attitude of gratitude encourages us to view this period of our lives as one filled with opportunities for growth and enrichment.

There are days when I think this get-

ting old thing is such a pain. I feel the aging of my body, but then I laugh and think, well, feeling anything is good at this age. I tell myself to, indeed, shift my mindset to that attitude of gratitude.

So how? What can you and I do to build and keep this attitude of gratitude? Here are a few ideas:

Make gratitude a daily habit:

- Each morning reflect on three things to be thankful for
- Send a thank you email or text or call a friend, family member or colleague.
- Keep a gratitude journal - a daily list of three things you are grateful for each day. Remember, they say it takes 21 days to develop a new habit. Be committed.
- At the end of the day, tell someone the three things that happened that day that made you feel grateful.

The simplest way to develop an attitude of gratitude is to make a conscious choice to appreciate the things in your life and to express thanks.

Thanksgiving Day is a time for family fun, flag football and a hike or gentle walk through the Sculpture Forest. It is a weekend for a campfire and s'mores. It is a weekend for collecting leaves and pumpkin pie. We give thanks for our memories, for our present and for our attitude of gratitude. Being grateful is the key to happiness for everyone, and that includes all of us living on the senior side. Happy Thanksgiving.

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Learning to 'decode' usually starts around age 6. Mastering sound-symbol relationship (fancy teacher jargon for reading) is a complex process. Some of us take longer to work well with words. Kids soon notice books around the house, or that people stay absorbed in them. Toddlers who memorize a favourite picture book will next understand that the print also represents the story. What seems like a baby 'reading' are early steps towards educational independence.

Books impact lives. Awareness is everything. A mind is a terrible thing to ignore. For the kid who appreciates animation, the graphic novel was invented. We cherished our childhood comics. Those cool cartoon bubbles held tangible speech. You could HEAR the printed voices. All those exclamation marks after 'Gee!'.

Archie. Casper. Batman. Richie Rich. As an English-Canadian child who spent summers in the US, it took me forever to figure out what 'Gee' meant. So many American comic book characters declared it.

My parents rained books on me. I gobbled up my summer birthday novels. Some titles which profoundly impacted me are not considered desirable today. For anyone, let alone children. Political 'correctness' morphs constantly. Our awareness of context helps support our modern interpretation of banned books. Censorship is once again a red hot topic. If literature reflects our development throughout history, then we've been doing a lot of developing!

Books still speak volumes. Even the oldest. They ARE transit. Speaking of holding power, we recently asked some local electricians for an extra favour after they'd finished rewiring our basement. My urban adventures are demonstrating that the trend of attaching free 'help yourself' cupboards to trees or poles can generate some delightful neighbourly exchanges! This year, I requested such a book-box for my birthday. With their mightier drills, our electricians cheerfully secured a white-blue wooden house-shaped 'Little Free Library' to one of the giant white pines at the foot of our driveway. The box has been up just a few weeks, and is already visited by neighbours with kids.

This feels good. It also keeps reminding me of Boo Radley in *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Read it to find out why. This 'classic' novel is now considered controversial, yet I gobbled it while young. Our new mini-Narnia-box proves how cool it is to be able to choose what to read. Such free choice is still a privilege of our politics.

Submitted by Deb Reed



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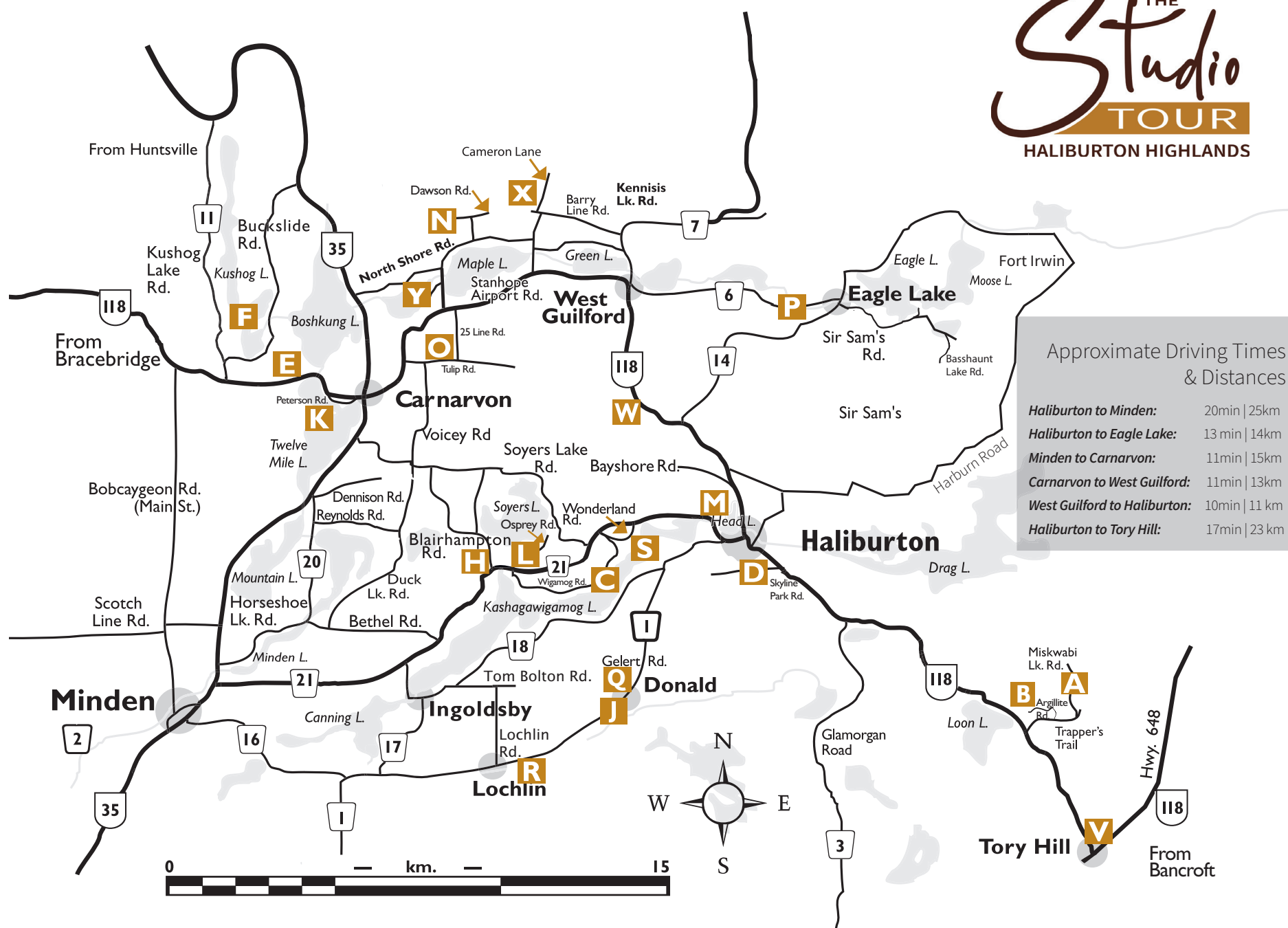
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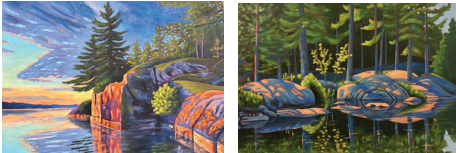
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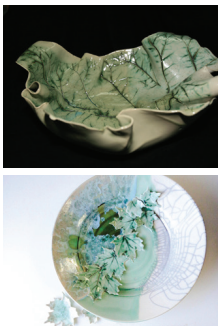
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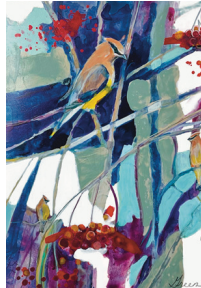
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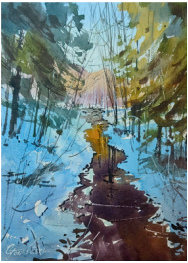
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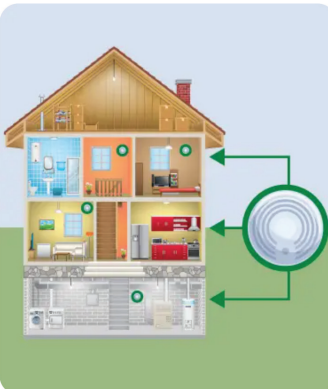
SAFETY TIPS

- » MAKE a home escape plan. Draw a map of your home showing all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your home.
- » KNOW at least two ways out of every room, if possible. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily.
- » HAVE an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) a safe distance from the home where everyone should meet.
- » PRACTICE your home fire drill at night and during the day with everyone in your home, twice a year.
- » PRACTICE using different ways out.
- » TEACH children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- » CLOSE doors behind you as you leave.

IF THE ALARM SOUNDS...

- » If the smoke alarm sounds, GET OUT AND STAY OUT. Never go back inside for people or pets.
- » If you have to escape through smoke, GET LOW AND GO under the smoke to your way out.
- » CALL the fire department from outside your home.

Key smoke alarm safety tips and guidelines



Install
Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.



Test
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Kennisis cottagers boost ‘Here for You Campaign’

To continue the momentum from the previous matching gifts, the record-breaking Health Radiothon, and to raise the necessary funds for urgently needed new x-ray equipment for HHHS, Kennisis cottagers Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl are offering to match all gifts up to \$500,000 made in the coming weeks to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign.

“Haliburton has a very special place in our hearts for our family. Our kids grew up on Kennisis Lake and now our grandchildren are enjoying the same privilege. That’s why we are challenging all lakefront property owners as well as those in the towns and villages to make a contribution to the Here for You Diagnostic Imaging Campaign. We will match all gifts from today until the end of October up to \$500,000,” said Tutssel.

“Let’s show Haliburton County how thankful we are for everything it has to offer. We know that many people have already been very generous in supporting the campaign. But there are still a large number that have the capacity to give but have not yet done so. We are encouraging them to do so by Thanksgiving to help bring this campaign home,” she said.

“We reside in the Kitchener Waterloo area where resources are relatively abundant to support local needs but the need in Haliburton County is great and

resources are far more limited. We are making this contribution here because we know that in Haliburton, it will make a real difference,” Tutssel added.

Campaign Cabinet Member, Peter Henry welcomed Christine & Rob’s challenge matching gift. “Several people who own properties in Haliburton but are not here full-time have asked me why they should support HHHS? For us, it’s simple: Most of us have made a trip to the HHHS Emergency Department for ourselves, our family or our visitors at one time or another. We count on HHHS being there when we need it, and we want to make sure that it has the tools it needs to serve us well.”

“This matching gift is very, very generous and we hope that it will encourage many to give, and even to give again. For those people who support their local hospitals at their main residences, we ask you to consider also contributing to this campaign to get the basic diagnostic imaging resources in place in the Highlands,” he added.

With the extraordinary support of the community during the MooseFM Health Radiothon presented by Minden Subaru, the generous matching donations from Scott & Chere Campbell and Richard Muir are now exhausted.

“These matching challenges made a huge impact, spurring additional gifts and momentum in the community”

said HHHSF Executive Director Melanie Klodt Wong. “I believe Christine & Rob’s challenge will do the same and reach folks who haven’t thought about us in the past. HHHS is working towards a brighter future and I am grateful that so many people are recognizing this project as the start of something positive.”

The Here for You Campaign has exceeded the initial goal of \$4.3M required to bring a CT Scanner and CT Mammography to the county, plus upgrade Ultrasound equipment and the image archiving system (PACS). The campaign has currently raised over \$5M.

“We can’t say thank you enough to Christine Tutssel and Rob Holl for giving the campaign this huge boost at this time!” said volunteer Campaign Chair, Tayce Wakefield.

“Our Campaign Cabinet is an outstanding team of volunteers, some with deep roots locally and others who love spending their spare time on our lakes. When we first met, we asked ‘what’s our stretch target, if we can raise the necessary funds for the initial campaign?’ When we heard that HHHS’ x-ray suite is 12 years old and urgently needs to be replaced, we said we’d do our best to raise the additional funds required to do that, too,” said Wakefield.

HHHSF Board Chair David Blodgett said, “Over 600 members of our community have contributed to this campaign

so far. Thank you to every one of them! Every donation gets us closer to the diagnostic imaging equipment HHHS so urgently needs. My thanks also to our dedicated Campaign Cabinet, who are giving their time and experience to help us all.”

The volunteer members of the Campaign Cabinet are Greg Bishop, Kurtis Bishop, David Blodgett, Michael Harrison, Peter Henry, Pat Kennedy, Klara Oyler, Keith Sjögren, Roger Trull, Tayce Wakefield and Dale Walker.

“Since its discovery over a century ago, X-ray technology remains an indispensable diagnostic imaging tool. We know we are behind in replacing our general x-ray equipment. According to the Canadian Association of Radiologists, our equipment should be replaced about every 10 years. More recently, we are experiencing an increase in repairs needed. We simply cannot be without. We sincerely appreciate how the community has united to raise the necessary funds,” said HHHS CEO, Veronica Nelson.

For further information and how to contribute to the Here for You in the Highlands Campaign, please contact Melanie Klodt Wong, Executive Director, HHHS Foundation at 705-457-1580 and check out our website at hhhs.ca/foundation.

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Haliburton County Rail Trail

The Rail Trail extends 35 kilometres from Haliburton to Kinmount. The scenery along the way is exceptional, with lazy winding rivers, waterfalls, bogs, heritage bridges and even the ruins of a chemical plant.
Length: Approximately 35 kilometres
Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Features: Nature and heritage
Access: Multiple access points throughout the length of the trail

**Algonquin Highlands
Dorset Scenic Tower Trail**

This is a must-see for anyone wanting to truly experience the Highlands. This trail can also be hiked from the top of the 'Dorset Mountain' down to the museum. If you want to start at the top, a fee to drive up to the access point/picnic table is applicable. During the open season there's also a gift shop/visitor information centre, washrooms and numerous photo opportunities at the top of Dorset Mountain. *Advanced, timed entrance tickets are required for fall colour viewing from September 21 to October 14. Tickets will be available to purchase at www.ahtrails.ca
Length: 1.5 kilometre loop
Difficulty: Challenging
Features: Dorset Lookout Tower
Access: From the bottom, 1038 Main Street, Dorset.

From the top, 1154 Dorset Scenic Tower Road [off of Hwy. 35]

Ridge Trail Hiking Network

This trail network has something for all levels of skill and ability. This network of trails includes; Log Chute Trail, Crests of Kennisis, Circuit of Five Viewpoints, Algonquin Highlands Ridge Trail, Alven Ferguson Trail, James Cooper Lookout Trail and Beech River Trail
Length: Over 23.5 km combined – ranging from 0.7 km to 8 km
Difficulty: Easy Moderate Challenging
Features: Lookouts, heritage and nature at its best
Access: Multiple access points

**Dysart et al
Barnum Creek Nature Reserve**

Barnum Creek Nature Reserve is a mosaic of habitats ranging from tolerant hardwood, mixed wood, early successional forests, and grassland, to marsh and swamp. Running through this tapestry of habitats is Barnum Creek. Barnum Creek has lovely trails and at times they can be very wet, muddy or icy. Wear appropriate footwear.
Difficulty: Heritage Hike easy to moderate – 5 km, Waterfall Way – Easy to moderate – 3/4 km, Ridge Trail – Challenging – 1 km
Features: Nature

Haliburton Forest Hiking Trails

Haliburton Forest is full of variety and the hiking trails are no exception. The 300 kilometres of trails make Haliburton Forest an ideal destination for three-season hiking vacations – you never have to explore the same trail twice. Stay overnight and walk as many routes as you can!
Length: over 300 km

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Nature's Sketchbook

by David Alexander Risk

Sketches in Nature's Sketchbook are created by David Alexander Risk, a renowned local artist dedicated to sharing his love for nature and inspiring young residents and visitors to learn more about the natural world of the Haliburton Highlands.

Preliminary Color Study

- Cerulean Blue
- True Blue
- Poppy Red
- Canary Yellow
- Tuscan Red
- Violet Blue
- Dark Green
- Mulberry
- Sienna Brown
- Indigo Blue in bear coat and rock/water
- Parma Violet
- Apple Green

Black Bear - Haliburton/2024

David Alexander Risk



Barnum Creek Nature Reserve. /FILE

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Difficulty: Easy Moderate
Features: Wolf Centre
Access: 1305 Redkenn Road, Haliburton

High Falls Hiking Trail
From the end of the trail you have a view of the top of the rapids upstream of High Falls and a view downstream towards the falls. High Falls is part of Algonquin Park and permits are available online.
Length: 2 km
Difficulty: Easy Moderate
Access: Take Hwy. 118 east of Haliburton to Essonville Ln. (County Rd. 4) and then follow to Wilberforce. From Wilberforce, take County Rd. 648 through the village of Harcourt to Elephant Lake Rd. (County Rd. 10). Continue on Elephant Lake Rd. approximately 12km. You'll find both parking and the trailhead 2 km beyond the Kingscote Lake Access Point Road intersection.
Homesteader Trail Loop
The Homesteader Trail Loop is named in recognition of the pioneers who tried to farm this corner of the Canadian Shield. Today, roads and trails named after those Homesteaders are all that is left of the area's farming past. Look for

long abandoned overgrown farm fields and old stone fences.
Length: Approximately 25 km, can be divided into two smaller loops and offers great geocaching.
Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Features: Geocaching Capital of Canada
Access: Trail heads located at Glamor Lake and Tory Hill Park

Sucker Lake Walking Trail
On occasion beaver dams, on ponds above Sucker Lake fail and gargantuan volumes of water pour into Sucker, overflowing and eventually washing away the dam. As you walk the trail you'll see how those past spills have uprooted trees, bared the bedrock and carved a deep gully. On numerous occasions the flooding also undermined the railway track where the I.B.&O Railway crossed the creek at the mouth of the river. This spot became known to locals as 'The Wash-Out' a favourite place for Sucker fishing in the spring.
Length: Approximately 750 m each way
Difficulty: Moderate
Minden Hills
Minden Riverwalk
Located in downtown Minden
Length: Approximately 1km
Difficulty: Easy

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Two hikers take in the vista from the top of the James Cooper Lookout Trail in Algonquin Highlands. /Submitted by the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

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Visitors scan the horizon with binoculars and a camera at Snowdon Park last autumn. The park is a part of the Highlands Corridor, which is part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust's area of focus. The Highlands Corridor is a broad swath of land in southern Haliburton that connects 3 provincial parks (Queen Elizabeth II Wildlands, Kawartha Highlands, and Silent Lake). /FILE



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Features: Accessible pathway and foot-bridge over the Gull River
Access: Along Water Street and Invergordon Avenue

Snowdon Park
This is the largest park within the township, consisting of 460 acres of beautiful mixed woodland. This park is a must see destination point for outdoor enthusiasts for hiking, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, bird watching and many other outdoor activities.
Length: Approximately 3km with several other shorter trails throughout
Difficulty: Easy to moderate
Features: Year round access and wheel-chair accessible sections

Access: Entrance is just south of the South Lake/Gelert Roads intersection

Ganaraska Hiking Trail
The Wilderness Section
As well as being scenic, it is rugged and challenging. It is strongly recommended that the Wilderness Section only be hiked with an experienced hiker familiar with the Trail.
Difficulty: Moderate to challenging
Features: Nature
Access: Reminder re parking at Moore Falls. Please park in open grassy area to left of trail off Country Rd. just west of Hwy 35. No parking at km 1.1, where the trail leaves Black Lake
Cottage Rd. to enter the woods. And definitely no parking at the Black Lake Cottage Rd. parking area.

This unique pathway follows the Gull River and loops with a connecting foot bridge that brings you back downtown or allows you access to the Minden Boardwalk to continue on to the Minden Cultural Centre or the Ball Diamonds. You choose how long or short of a journey, the possibilities are endless. /Emily Stonehouse, Staff.

Nature in your backyard

County Life welcomes photo submissions depicting life in the Highlands. Email vivian@haliburtonpress.com. Please ensure images are high resolution - 200 dpi, 10 inches at its longest edge.



A Blue Heron. /Submitted by Tammy Nash



A black-throated green warbler enjoys a snack. /Submitted by Derek Spencer

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Branch 441 Kinmount

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Wednesday: Canteen opens at 6 p.m. with open darts to start at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday: General meeting (members) at 7:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday every month

Friday: Backyard BBQ 5 to 7 p.m.

Bingo: doors Open at 5:30 p.m. play starts at 6:45 p.m. \$300 jackpot with a progressive \$500 jackpot

Saturday: Canteen opens at 3 p.m. with meat draw to start at 5 p.m.

Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd Sunday every month at 2 p.m.

Hall available to rent for any occasion, call 705-488-3462. Everyone is welcome to any events, to join our meetings then become a member. Follow our Facebook page – Royal Canadian Legion Branch 441 Kinmount. We are always posting new events. For all you ladies, join our Ladies Auxiliary, we are always looking for new faces. If you are interested, phone 705-928-7105!

Branch 129 Haliburton

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Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.

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Chainsaw art

Walter vanderWindt keeps a tradition alive at his Moore's Falls gallery
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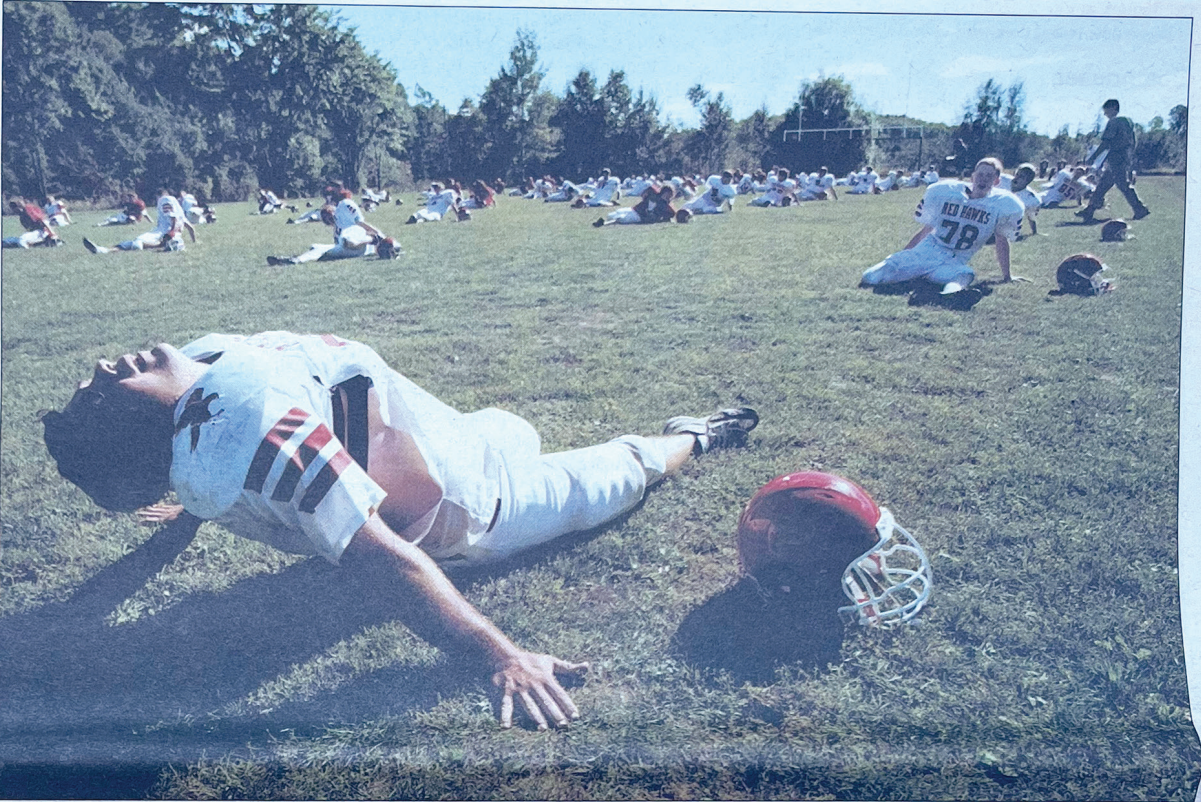
Triathlon help

Upcoming meeting will help ensure continuation of popular sporting event
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In Quotes

May all of us follow your example and work as hard to guarantee a future for our past.

John Wadland in a letter to Carol Moffatt
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Stretch

It's fall in the Highlands and that means football. Fifth-year senior

Kevin Crofts leads the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School team in pre-season warmup drills at the Red Hawks' field in the first week of school. Story on page

Docks won't be left dry in proposed zoning bylaw

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

The laws of the land are soon to be set. The date is fast approaching and Minden Hills' draft zoning bylaw has taken one more step towards completion.

Rick Hunter of Planscape, the firm hired to create the new zoning bylaw, presented council with updates to the bylaws at the general council meeting on September 8. He was also there to receive direction from council on certain key issues that will appear in the draft presented to the public at the public meeting scheduled for Saturday, October 1 at 9:30 a.m. in council chambers.

Docks

One of the more hotly debated topics in the draft zoning bylaw has been the regulation of dock lengths. Previously, the draft zoning

bylaw would have allowed new docks on lakes to be built no longer than 10 metres. On rivers, the proposed length limit was six metres. Council would likely have passed variances in extenuating circumstances, such as shallow water entries, but prior to the September 8 meeting of council, no exceptions were written in the bylaw.

But variances were not good enough for councillors Ingram Wessell and Ron Buchanan. They felt that a 10 metre cap across the board was too restrictive and that the application for variances is not a guarantee that people will be able to create docks that suit their needs.

Councillor Buchanan wanted it worded in the bylaw that residents with shallow water entries would not have to resort to variance applications. He proposed including a qualifier into the bylaw that stipulated dock lengths

see RULES page 2

Don't worry about webworms

by BRYN WEESE
Times Staff

What many have thought to be tent caterpillars are in fact fall webworms.

Bart Hilhorst, a forestry technician with the Ministry of Natural Resources, says that a lot of people have been confused about the two different species this fall.

"Webworms are quite visible this year," Hilhorst says, indicating a potential rise in the population. "It is natural for their numbers to go up and down."

Hilhorst also said that, in a webworm nest behind the Minden MNR building, he has noticed a parasite in the nest that seems to be feeding off the webworm eggs. This, too, is completely natural, he says.

While the nests may be more abundant this year than others, the fall webworm poses no threat to the trees in the area. Hilhorst says that the webworm mainly feeds on deciduous foliage that is dead or dying anyway at this time of year.

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